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## Editorial Comment

### A NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITY

The American Museum of Natural History in New York is rapidly shaping into the leader of its class in the civilized world. This is generally accepted by all authorities. There is not, however, the representation of precious minerals from our western camps which there should be, and this matter certainly should receive merited consideration.

The extensive geological exhibits are both interesting and instructive. They afford an endless study, and they are visited and admired by all scientific men and mining people generally who go to the metropolis. There are comprehensive classifications, attractively displayed, and a wealth of money is represented in this exhibit. But for the most part the collection comprises the rarer minerals and scientific specimens. They are splendid as far as they go, but there is a question if the value of the museum from a mineralogical standpoint could not be materially enhanced by making additions, which, it would seem, could be easily secured by the proper effort.

The writer on a recent visit to the museum was impressed with the comparatively small representation of precious metals. Particularly is this the case in the matter of rich pieces, many specimens of which are invariably of scientific value. He found one small "roasted" specimen of Cripple Creek tellurium; a piece of the characteristic spectacular gold ore from Breckenridge; a few nuggets and quartz specimens from California; some rich silver pieces, and a few other miscellaneous exhibits, by no means representative of our precious mineral wealth. These were in the room where is contained the fine exhibit of precious stones, together with a splendid representation of azurites and malachites from Bisbee, Arizona. Magnificent as far as the exhibit goes, but by no means representative of the industry.

Thousands of people visit this museum daily. All are not scientifically inclined. Watch them in the precious stone room, and see them crowd around the case containing diamonds in different forms and of different varieties. Notice how they admire the beautiful opals, and sapphires, and garnets, and tourmalines, and turquoise, and even the quartz crystals which are exhibited here. Hear their comments on the "solid gold" which is shown in quartz and nugget form. But these popular attractions are in the minority; not, we think, because the museum people object to displaying more of the "picture rock," but rather that there has been a dearth of donations on account of the opportunity not being more generally appreciated.

It looks to a westerner somewhat strange to see Bisbee copper ore "presented by J. Pierpont Morgan," but not so when we stop to consider that Mr. Morgan has had a better appreciation of the needs of the museum than have our usually enterprising western mining men.

Where are the exhibits from Nevada, and from Colorado, and from Utah, and from northern Arizona, and from many other western camps rich in their yield, and interesting from a scientific standpoint in numberless specimens which the mines have produced?

What is the matter with our enterprising chambers of commerce in the mining communities of the west?

It is indeed a worthy cause; and every citizen should be eager to aid in building up this great national museum for the interest and instruction of the studiously inclined of both today and posterity. There are innumerable

collections in the west which would be seen by more people and accordingly prove more valuable and instructive if they were exhibited at the great museum in New York. All the time interesting specimens are being found, and only for the thought they would find their way to this museum, where they would be prized and appreciated. And it would be but a little work for enterprising citizens of the mining communities to get together rich and interesting collections of their ores for exhibition at this institution.

We do not know if the officers of the museum have ever asked for such collections from the West, but it is unlikely that they would be averse to accepting them if proffered. They should be presented by all means. They would assist the institution in its splendid work; they would be instructive to the many visitors to the museum and—well, from a commercial standpoint, they should prove quite an advertisement for the enterprising camp, or camps, which collected and donated them.

### TAFT AND OUR DIPLOMACY.

There are rumors about the White House and state department of evil days ahead for the butterflies of our diplomatic service. It is said Mr. Taft has conceived the idea that our ambassadors and ministers should be something more than leaders of cotillions in the capitals to which they are assigned; that while social accomplishments are desirable in a diplomat, their possession should not be the lone and sole test for appointment. And it is said further that if the president can't find men with both horse sense and social sense to fill the posts, horse sense is going to have the preference. Horse sense has been conspicuously lacking in the make-up of some of our diplomats who are vast successes in a social way.

It was one of the paradoxes of the Roosevelt administration that, virile and masculine as was the president, he sent popinjays to represent him at more than one foreign capital. The explanation probably is that, great as was Mr. Roosevelt as a reformer, he couldn't reform everything. This tendency of the diplomatic service toward mollycoddism had antedated Roosevelt, and there were more vital things nearer to hand needing strenuous attention.

No doubt a good deal of the blame for present conditions in the diplomatic service lies at the door of congress because of its failure to provide official residences for our representatives abroad. Were these residences provided men of larger ability but fewer dollars could afford to accept diplomatic posts, and a good deal of the present ostentation and even vulgarity of display would be made impossible. But Mr. Taft apparently has made up his mind that even in the absence of action by congress there is a good deal that the appointing power can do. In the future, therefore, aspirants for diplomatic honors will have to furnish some references other than Dun and Bradstreet.

### JOHN BRYCE TO TALK

BERKELEY, March 22.—John Bryce, the British ambassador at Washington, arrived this afternoon and will give the annual charter day address at the University of California tomorrow.

Bryce will also deliver at Berkeley a series of lectures for the Pacific Theological Seminary on religion and civilization.

## BELIEVE ORE GETS RICHER WITH DEPTH

### Rainbow Group Has Been Well Explored By Operators

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
KINGMAN, March 22.—There is one locality in the Cerbat section that has always appealed to us as an ideal spot for the sinking of a deep prospecting shaft, and that is either on the Golden Gem, the Idaho, or the Flores, from which shaft one of the greatest systems of veins could be cut in a distance of less than 700 feet. Every one of these veins is ore-bearing and has been a heavy producer of gold and silver. The Flores is one of the oldest of that section and was worked fully forty years ago by the Mexicans and whites when the camp was first discovered.

A consolidation of all interests should be perfected, bringing every interest under one head and work every vein through one big shaft. The Gem now has a shaft 600 feet deep and this could be continued to 1000 feet and a crosscut run through to the Flores, which is the westernmost of the nest of veins, a distance of six or seven hundred feet. At this depth water for milling purposes would undoubtedly be developed and the rim rock broken through. It has always been the opinion of geologists that below the rim rock of Wallapai district lies a much softer country rock and that the veins will be found much larger and much better mineralized than in the tight ground of the upper rim rock formation. This shaft would solve this problem, but even if this was found incorrect the promoters would still have one of the best groups of mines in the territory.

A rumor is current in Kingman that a big strike of gold ore was made this week in one of the dykes near Mud Springs by E. W. Walker. The strike was made on a vein running in the direction of the Pilgrim mines and is near the summit of the Blue Ridge range, about half way between Burns' ranch and Mud Springs. Several prospectors have gone to the scene of the strike and within a few days we will be able to obtain more definite news.

J. S. Withers spent Sunday and Monday last at Chloride and looked over a number of the mining properties of the camp. He visited the Rainbow group and was shown through that property by H. L. McCune, general manager. The shaft on this property has reached a depth of 250 feet, levels have been run off at the 100, 150, 200 and 240. At all these points fine ore has been opened up. At the 240 level there is an unbroken body of ore, four feet in width and 200 feet in length, which carries good values in gold, silver and lead. It is the intention of the management to sink two more lifts, run levels and put the mine in thorough shape before any stoppage whatever will be done. It is thought enough ore is now in sight to pay dividends on the issued stock of the company for several years. The company has been quietly at work the past two years, having equipped the property with machinery and working a force of men in development continuously. In the early days it produced thousands of tons of heavy lead ore and always yielded a profit.

### BUILD DREDGING BOAT

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
M. L. Buckley returned last night from the camp of the Spec Mining Company on Lynx Creek, where work was started yesterday constructing a boat for the new dredging plant. The machinery for the plant will be delivered on the ground as soon as the boat is finished.

### TO BUILD RANGER STATION

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
Carl Lee and A. L. Lee will leave Wednesday morning for the Squaw Peak region, where they have accepted a contract for the building of a forest ranger station on the Verde division of the Prescott national forest.

### CASTRO PLANS RETURN

Mulitzer President to Sail for Some Caribbean Port

DRESDEN, March 22.—Former President Castro, of Venezuela, left today for Cologne, where he will spend the night. Tomorrow he goes to Paris, and after a short stay will proceed to Bordeaux, embarking on the 26th on the steamer Gaudaloupe for some Caribbean port.

## BLACK HILLS GETS IN SPOTLIGHT WITH STRIKE

### Find Occurs on Claims Formely Owned By Ed. Hurley

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
Reliable information of a very rich mineral find in the Black Hills range reached here yesterday through W. J. McMahon of Jerome. The discovery was made in an extension of the Copper Chief mine, formerly owned by E. D. Hurley and H. Bevering, purchased a few months ago by R. A. Smith of Jerome and his associates. Two feet of sulphide ore was uncovered in the new shaft being sunk at a depth of 80 feet. The ore carried high grade gold and copper values besides several ounces in silver.

The claim was owned by Hurley many years before he sold an interest to H. Bevering. After Hurley shot and killed Fred Conrey last year he and his partner sold the claim for a handsome sum to the Jerome syndicate headed by Smith. Very little development was done prior to the sale, although the surface showing was always considered very promising. It was also considered valuable from its proximity to the Copper Chief, one of the proven properties of the Black Hills range and the further fact that some of the veins covered by the Copper Chief locations passed through the ground.

The owners are jubilant over the find, considered among the most promising made in the Verde district in many months. Sinking of the shaft is being vigorously pushed and the erection of a hoist is under consideration.

Mr. McMahon says that a general revival in the mining industry of the Verde district will follow the building of the transmission line of the Arizona Power Company to the various camps. Operations on several claims, now idle, will be resumed and the forces in others increased. The new power is expected to solve the fuel problem, now one of the most important in mining operations in the district as coal costs at the various camps \$19.50 a ton. Provided the power company will supply electric power at a reasonable price, it is believed that the day of the steam and gasoline hoisting plants is past and that all the operating concerns will replace the present power plants with electrical machinery.

Mr. McMahon will leave for his home in the Copper City this morning.

### DORAN SELECTION MEETS WITH GENERAL APPROVAL

(From Sunday's Daily)  
Governor Kibbey's action in appointing Major A. J. Doran superintendent of the Pioneers' Home, provided by the legislature to be erected in this city or its vicinity, meets with the unanimous approval of the residents of this city and county. It is generally considered a fitting tribute to Major Doran, who is among the earliest pioneers of the territory still living, and who is the author of a similar measure passed by the 24th legislature, when he represented this county in the territorial council.

Major Doran is receiving the congratulations of many friends from all parts of the territory on his appointment. He has notified the governor of his acceptance and is ready to enter upon the discharge of his new duties with his old time energy at once.

In an interview yesterday with a Journal-Miner representative, Major Doran in relating some of the experiences of pioneer days, incidentally told how the idea of a home for aged pioneers originated with him.

"My idea of a pioneers' home originated a little over two years ago," he said, "soon after my election to the council. I was deeply impressed with the cases of Captain Boyd and Major Pitkin, two of Arizona's noble and honored pioneers who ended their days in the hospital here. These men, who braved the dangers of the desert and mountain wilds, not to mention the savage Apaches, deserved a better fate. Captain Boyd discovered the United Verde mines at Jerome, now among the greatest copper producers in the territory. He assisted materially in making the civilization of today possible, risking his life many times in subduing the bloodthirsty redskins.

"Major Pitkin came of good pioneer stock. His brother was one of the early governors of Colorado. Major Pitkin was an engineer and machinist by occupation. Two years before he died he was compelled to retire from active work. I and others who knew him in

early days assisted him but he was finally compelled to become an inmate of the county hospital. Like Captain Boyd he felt disgraced at being compelled to end his days in such an institution. I always maintained that a suitable and comfortable home should be provided at territorial expense where such men as Boyd and Pitkin, as well as a host of others, can end their days in peace.

"Personally, if compelled from lack of resource, I am entitled to admittance in any soldier's home in the United States. I gained this through service in the civil war, but in common with the other old-timers it would be a pleasure to me to spend the closing days of my career in a pioneers' home surrounded by my friends and the comrades of those stirring times before and after a territorial government was established in this territory.

"I do not advocate admitting any but the most worthy citizens into the home. The pioneer miner whose explorations attracted others to come here and develop the resources of the country and the pioneer farmer who filled the soil with a brace of Colt revolvers on his hips and a rifle ever ready on the beam of his plow are entitled to first consideration. Neither do I believe that the comforts of the home should be confined to men qualified for admission. Arizona's pioneer women are as much entitled to the benefits of the home as the men. No more brave or lovable women exist on earth than the noble mothers who shared the privations of early days in caring for their families and assisting their husbands in establishing civilization some here.

"The pioneers' home law provides for \$25,000 for the construction of the building and \$15,000 a year for maintenance. It also provides that a suitable site shall be donated by the citizens of Prescott within six months. I have confidence that the citizens of Prescott will take advantage of the law and donate a site acceptable to the territorial board of control at once. When the site is accepted plans and specifications for the building of the structure will be considered by the board and myself and after adoption the construction of the building will be only a matter of a few months. One patriotic citizen has already offered to donate ten acres for the home less than a mile from the courthouse. This and other sites will be considered by the board of control before a selection is made."

Major Doran has resided continually in the territory since 1862. He served as sheriff of Pinal county, was a member of the legislature several times and was honored by his party once with the nomination for delegate to congress.

### ACCEPTS NEW POSITION.

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
Wm. Gaston has resigned his position as construction foreman with the Arizona Central Electric Company at Wickenburg to accept a similar position with the Western Star Mining Company in Pima county. He arrived here yesterday afternoon from Wickenburg to enjoy a few days' vacation among his many friends here before leaving for the scene of his new labors.

### WIFE BEATER ARRESTED

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
Charles Logan, colored, was arrested by the sheriff's office last evening on a warrant charging him with wife beating. He will be arraigned today before Justice of the Peace McLane.

Logan is a baggage smasher at the railroad depot. He was arrested on a similar charge some months since.

### PUBLIC RECORDS.

Instruments Filed as Reported By The Prescott Title Co.

March 13  
D. V. Shoopman et al. locate 3 mines, Pine Grove district.  
Andy Selin & O. P. Skinner locate 8 mines, Bitter Creek district.  
John Halbreich locates 2 mines, Big Bug district.  
Homer Campbell amends location notice on No. 11 Mine, Silver Mountain district.

March 15  
E. M. Sanger and Chas. Batte to W. N. Hosmer, M. Deed. Gold Bug, Oro Chico and El Dorado mines.  
E. M. Sanger and Chas. Batte to W. N. Hosmer, M. Deed. Golden Eagle and Grand View mines.

W. D. Caples locates 2 mines, Castle Creek district.  
N. T. Palmer files Aff. A. work on 7 mines, Big Bug district.

United States to Crowned King Mining Co. Patent. Teaghuat Mine, Pine Grove district.

H. W. Huntley et al. incorporate Universal Utilities Company. Capital stock \$1,000,000.

F. D. Barr to Logan Copper Co., M. Deed. \$15.00. Logan Mine, Copper Basin district.

rett, W. Deed. \$300. Lot 8, Blk. 14, Fleury's Add., Prescott.

John S. Barrett and wife to John W. Flinn. W. Deed. \$300. Same property.

Richard T. Spence et al. incorporate Silver Ring Mining and Tunnel Co. Capital stock \$500,000.

J. D. Mason to G. L. Human, W. Deed. \$900. S. W. portion of N. W. hf. of S.E. qr. of S.E. qr., Sec. 3, Twp. 13 N. R. 1 E.

Wm. Wilkins to Geo. L. Human, W. Deed. Portion of N.W. hf. of S.E. qr., of S.E. qr., Sec. 3, Twp. 13 N. R. 1 E.

John J. Lamb to G. L. Human, M. Deed. \$300. Commodore and Ocean Wave Mines, Black Hills district.

F. E. Edwards to Harlan Wood, W. Deed. \$400. Lot 1, Block 3, Murphy's 2 Sub. Prescott.

United States to Maggie French, Receiver's Receipt. W.h.f. of S.E. qr., Sec. 19, and W. hf. of S.W. qr., Sec. 20, Twp. 14N R 2W.

### March 16

F. D. English locates Maid of the Mist Mine, Peck district.

Arizona Smelting Co., by Trustee, file Aff. A. work on 72 mines, Agua Fria, Del Rio, Big Bug and Peck districts.

James N. Right et al. incorporate J. H. Causey & Company. Capital stock \$100,000.

Harrison Yarnell et al. locate Dewey Placer, Weaver district.

Mrs. E. M. Noyes to Mary Murphy, Bill of Sale. 2 cows and brand.

Freid Reif and wife to Alex Johnstone, Agreement. Party wall between Lots 3 and 5, Prescott.

### March 17

J. E. Swigert et al. locate Gold Nugget Mine, Quartz Mountain district.

Emma A. Lawrence locates 2 mines, Big Bug district.

Fred Hawkins locates 3 mines, Verde district.

W. N. Hutton locates Tri-Metallic mine, Copper Basin district.

W. N. Hutton and P. H. Kester file Aff. A. work on True Blue mine, Copper Basin district.

Nels Englund locates Happy Home mine, Hassayampa district.

A. P. Fredericks and C. Waters file Aff. A. work on Nevada mine, Blue Tank district.

Robert W. Coughran to J. W. Coughran, W. Deed. E. hf. of S.W. qr. and N.W. qr. of S.E. qr., Sec. 20, and N.E. qr. of N.W. qr., Sec. 29, Twp. 14 N, R 4W.

J. M. Criley to Bank of Arizona, Q.C. Deed. Lot 24, Blk. 27, Prescott.

R. H. Burnister & A. A. Moore file Aff. A. work on Silver Chief mine, Walnut Grove district.

W. E. Olmstead et al. locate Minnehaha Placer, Walnut Grove district.

### March 18

F. E. Small locates 2 mines, Harper district.

F. E. Small files Aff. A. work on 2 mines, Harper district.

Crowned King Mining Co. file Aff. A. work on 3 mines, Pine Grove district.

Chas. T. Hawkins to Alfred Dickinson, W. Deed. \$450. S. hf. of S. W. qr., Sec. 28, Twp. 15N, R 6E

Chas. T. Hawkins to Alfred Dickinson, Bill of Sale. Horses and cattle.

M. J. Nolan locates Multum in Parvo Mine, Big Bug district.

J. E. Woodson to J. M. Pike and Arthur Wilson, Bill of Sale. Cattle ranging on Squaw Creek.

John Witherly locates 5 mines, Blue Tank district.

C. A. Kessler and W. D. Boyle file Aff. A. work on Two Stamp mine, Hamburg district.

United States to Elmer E. Reynolds, Patent. S. hf. of S.W. qr. and S.W. qr. of S.E. qr., Sec. 31, and Lots 1 and 13, Sec. 28, 14 N. R 2W.

R. A. Roberts to H. W. Hamilton, M. Deed. Third interest in Golden View, Empire, Grand View et al. mines in Black Rock district.

Evan A. Bonham locates 7 mines, Cherry Creek district.

### March 19

Thad Park locates 4 mines, Verde district.

T. F. Peiers et al. locate 7 mines, Junction district.

T. J. Maxwell amends location notice on Johnson mine, Hassayampa district.

F. E. Edwards et al. locate Johnson No. 2 mine, Hassayampa district.

Wm. G. Reed locates Glamorgan mine, Big Bug district.

J. H. Cross et al. incorporate Durand Mining Company. Capital stock \$1,000,000.

### March 20

D. W. Butler amends location notice on 2 mines, Weaver district.

W. A. Gill locates 1 mine and 1 millsite, Peck district.

Frank Nester locates Eagle Fraction mine, Big Bug district.

Wm. B. Parker locates Ocotillo mine, Black Canyon district.

Geo. B. Lashbury and Ada M. Miller by Commissioner to Brooklyn Mg. & M. Co., M. Deed. \$300. North Brooklyn, West Brooklyn, Empress, and Midway mines, Big Bug district.

D. E. Davis locates 2 mines, Big Bug district.